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Continuation of:

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Title: INHIBITORS OF MEMAPSIN 2 AND USE THEREOF

<p>Date: <u>Feb. 6, 2004</u></p> <p>EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. <u>EV214916883US</u></p>

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The above-captioned application is a continuation of application number 09/845,226 filed on April 30, 2001 to which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Please amend the specification as follows: